

# S E P T E M B E R

at the

## CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 8:15 p.m.  
Place: Morrison Auditorium  
Speaker: Philip Ferry  
Subject: "MEXICO: LAND OF PYRAMIDS"

The early Mexicans were avid pyramid builders. Through their archaeological legacy, a fascinating story of centuries of warfare, conquest, and the imposition of one culture upon another is revealed. For to the south of us, we find pyramids of all shapes and sizes - round, square, half-round, half-square; some one, three, five stories in height; some plain and unadorned, others lavishly decorated with beautiful sculptural design. Some of them show evidence of reconstruction by as many as six different peoples.

Mr. Ferry, who has made previous appearances before Academy audiences, specializes in the investigation of ancient civilizations. His lecture is illustrated with 35mm color slides.

### MORRISON PLANETARIUM

"LIFE ON OTHER WORLDS?", the summer spectacular in Morrison Planetarium continues through Labor Day, September 2. Do not miss one of the most successful shows ever presented in the Theatre of the Stars.

Beginning Thursday, September 5, "FROM HERE TO INFINITY". The first of the series of autumn sky shows examines contemporary ideas as to the nature of the universe graphically dramatized in such a manner that all may understand. Performances daily at 3:30 p.m. Evening performances, Wednesday through Sunday, at 8:30 p.m. Extra matinees at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Planetarium is closed on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Admission: Adults, 75¢, Juniors, 40¢.

### SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Exhibit of the Month: "MARCO POLO SHEEP", a gift to the Academy from Mr. Hamilton McCaughey. Main Foyer, Science Museum.

"ASIAN ALBUM", the brilliant photographic record of Dr. Edward S. Ross' insect collecting trip through tropical Asia, because of its great success, continues in Lovell White Hall of Man and Nature.

**"SCIENCE IN ACTION"** (Please note change in time and station)

Thursday nights, 7:30 p.m., KTVU-TV, Channel 2

September 19: "LIQUID AIR", with Guest Scientist Dr. Harvey E. White, Director, Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California.

September 26: "COSMETIC SURGERY", with Mar W. McGregor, M.D., Member, Executive Committee, American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

## NEWS and NOTES .....

On July 19, the following press release was sent to various news agencies by the Academy and by the San Diego Natural History Museum:

"Concurrent with the announcement of the impending retirement, after twenty-five years of distinguished service, of Dr. Robert C. Miller, Director of the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, the Board of Trustees has announced the name of his successor: Dr. George E. Lindsay. Dr. Lindsay is presently Director of the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. He has a background of achievement in both scientific research and museum administration, experience which guarantees an enlargement and extension of the reputation which the Academy has enjoyed under Dr. Miller's aegis.

"Dr. Miller's directorship during the past quarter-century has seen the Academy's physical plant doubled, its membership quadrupled, and its operating income increased tenfold. Those twenty-five years have witnessed the completion of Simson African Hall and the addition of the Alexander F. Morrison Planetarium, the Hall of Science, the J. W. Mailliard, Jr. Memorial Library and the Alice Eastwood Hall of Botany, as well as the complete renovation of the recently reopened Steinhart Aquarium.

"Dr. Lindsay, prior to his present position, was Director of the Desert Botanical Garden of Arizona, and has also been active in the Arctic Research Laboratory at Point Barrow, Alaska. During World War II, he was a combat cameraman and photographic laboratory commander in the Army Air Force. He left the service with the rank of Captain. His particular field is taxonomic botany. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Botanical Society of America and the American Society of Plant Taxonomists.

"Upon his retirement, Dr. Miller anticipates returning to the scientific research and writing which, for the most part, he has had to forego due to the administrative pressures incumbent on his position. He will continue his close association with the Academy in a research capacity."

"California Ferns" is the most recent addition to be made to the permanent exhibits in the Alice Eastwood Hall of Botany. Examples of nine of the twenty genera of ferns found in California make up the interesting display.

Dr. Earl S. Herald, Superintendent-Curator of Steinhart Aquarium, has been named as consultant for the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium due to be constructed in Washington, D.C. Dr. Herald attended the preliminary planning session which was held in La Jolla, California, July 16-17.

As the result of a research grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Javier Peñalosa's "A Flora of the Tiburon Peninsula, Marin, County, California" has been published in the Wasmann Journal of Biology, University of San Francisco. Peñalosa, formerly a member of the Academy's Student Section and currently a member of the Armed Forces, received his grant through the Academy and performed his research under the supervision of John Thomas Howell, Curator of the Department of Botany.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this publication should address inquiries to Landmarks Society, P.O. Box 134, Belvedere-Tiburon, California.

Should any Academy member be willing to relinquish his copy of PACIFIC DISCOVERY, Volume XV, No. 3, May-June, 1962, the Academy would be most pleased to accept it. The supply is running extremely low.

Please mail to Mrs. Vashti Hawley at the Academy.

As of 5:00 p.m., August 11 (a Sunday), 868,834 persons had visited the newly renovated Steinhart Aquarium during the period of 45 days since its reopening. That particular Sunday set a record for single day attendance: 31,470. Certainly a lot of people looking at a lot of fish!

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## Meet the Staff



**DOROTHY LOHMEYER**, Receptionist in the Business Offices and "The Voice" of the Academy through the medium of the switchboard which she manipulates, is a native San Franciscan whose life, in both small and large ways, has been affected by Golden Gate Park and the Academy itself. She was born in the Richmond district near the Park, played there, visited the Academy, and in her adult life, brought her own children and subsequently her grandchildren to enjoy the many wonders which the CAS has always had to offer. She was educated in San Francisco's public schools.

Her business association with the Academy began in 1952 when she was employed as attendant at one of the sales and information desks. A few years later she was brought upstairs to assist in the office. Eventually, and it is a source of gratification to all concerned, she came to preside over the switchboard. Her graciousness to all callers is a known and commented-upon fact. Since 1957 the telephone traffic has increased measurably along with the acceleration the rest of the Academy has known, but Mrs. Lohmeyer still finds time to speed all incoming and outgoing mail, handle the supplies for the sales desks, plus one hundred and one other details demanded of her.

She is married to a childhood sweetheart, Edward C. Lohmeyer, who shares her deep-felt interest in the Academy and its affairs. They have two daughters, Janet and Joan, who in turn have presented them with a total of five grandchildren. The Lohmeyers have had a country place for many years in the redwoods of Camp Meeker where they spend most of their leisure time. When her daughters were growing up, Mrs. Lohmeyer was very active in Girl Scout programs. She carried this community interest to Camp Meeker by creating a recreational program for both children and adults. She is definitely a "doer of things".

A lifelong hobby of turtles still persists. At one time they were alive. Now she is content with a large collection of their counterparts in wood, metal, ceramics, gems and jewels.

(NEWS and NOTES continued)

Visitors to the Geology Department recently included Dr. J. B. Burch, University of Michigan; Mr. Ali N. Fatmi, Geological Survey of Pakistan; Dr. Aurèle LaRocque, Ohio State University and Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Lane Fenton, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

IT REALLY HAPPENED: Two dowagers, dressed to the nines, strolled as casually as they could (considering the crowds) past the busy Academy Buffet. One, obviously the hostess to the other, turned to her friend and with a sweep of the hand remarked, "And this, my dear, is the Japanese Tea Garden!"

### NEW MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

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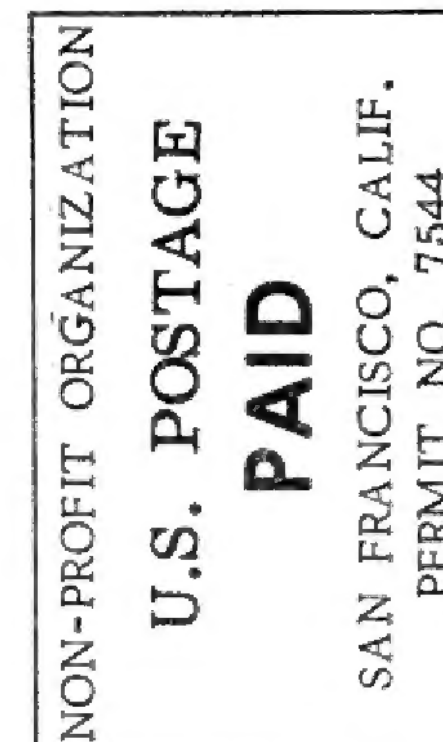
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